



2024 Parent Handbook

“Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.” Revelation 5:5

Eukarya Family Center is a 501c(3) not for profit organization.

1. Mission Statement

- To provide a safe, nurturing environment where children feel accepted and loved
- To help each child develop a positive self-image and relationship skills by setting a Christian example of love and respect coupled with an introduction to God's Holy Word
- To provide an environment where parents and staff work together to achieve the best possible care and education for the child
- To provide an opportunity for childcare providers to put their valuable skills to work, and to be recognized for their talents, dedication and the impact they have on each child's life
- To provide a safe environment for parents to learn Biblical parenting values and put them to use.

2. Statement of Faith

The statement of faith adopted by Eukarya Christian Academy is limited to those primary nondenominational Christian doctrines which set Christianity apart from other faiths. Portions of the following statement of faith are borrowed with permission from the ***National Christian Foundation for Education and the Arts By-Laws***.

- *We believe that the God of the Bible is the source of all truth. Thus, all genuine intellectual pursuits lead logically to God. This one God reveals Himself as three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and is self-existent, eternal, unchanging, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy, righteous, and loving (2 Cor. 13:14; Col. 1:15-20).*
- *We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible. That is, it is the infallible Word of God, written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. As such it, and not man, is the standard of truth (Jeremiah 9:23-24; Colossians 2:8; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). It is the ultimate source of knowledge about God and the only definitive guide for our daily lives.*
- *We believe the primary goal of life and education to be the glory of God which comes about by living a life that uses all our talents while pointing to Jesus Christ.*
- *We believe the Gospel. That the only Son of God (Jesus) came in the flesh to take the sins of the world, was crucified, died, was buried and on the third day was raised from the dead (Romans 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:1-3), and that all who believe on His name are forgiven and granted eternal life (John 1:11-13, 5:24; Romans 4:5; Titus 3:5).*
- *We believe that every believer in Christ is inhabited by the Holy Spirit, and called through Him to "do greater works than (Jesus) did" (John 14:12). We believe that Christians need to learn to walk in the Spirit so they reflect the fruit thereof (Gal. 5:22-23).*
- *We agree with the Nicene Creed and the historic tenets 'by Scripture alone', 'by the cross alone', 'by grace alone', 'by faith alone', 'Christ alone', and 'glory to God alone'.*
- *We seek to promote unity and charity among those who affirm these truths but have differing convictions within some areas of Christian life. We teach and apply dogmatically and unapologetically these truths, but acknowledge that sincere Christians hold differing views on certain non-essential issues.*
- **Humanity** - *All human beings bear God's image and are thus inherently valuable—beginning at conception—whether or not society regards them as healthy, productive, or useful. As God's image bearers, men and women of all races and nationalities have the capacity and the calling to steward the gifts they have been given, create economic and social value, pursue justice, stand against evil, and act in a transforming way in culture, in accordance with God's word and values, as indicated in scripture.*

- **Marriage** - God made human beings male and female, equal in value but complementary in their relationship to one another (Gen. 1:26-27). Gender is not merely a social construction but part of a loving Creator's design that is lived out in singlehood as well as in marriage, which we believe has been created by God and intended for one man and one woman for life (Gen. 2:18-25). Man/woman marriage is the only proper place for intimate sexual relationships, and is the proper place to welcome children—by birth or adoption—as a blessing from God. As valuable as marriage is, though, we believe that only God can ultimately meet our need for intimacy and that our identity is properly placed in Christ rather than our marital status or our assessment of our feelings of sexual attraction. We believe that God defined marriage as the life-long covenant between one man and one woman, and that all forms of sexual activity outside of marriage are sin.
- **The Sanctity of Human Life** - We believe human beings are created by God in His image. Therefore every person, from conception to natural death, possesses inherent dignity and immeasurable worth—including preborn children, elderly individuals, those with special needs and others marginalized by society. Christians, then, are called to defend, protect, and value all human life in accordance with values that are given in scripture (Psalm 139:13-14a).
- **Unity within the Body of Christ**- We stand together against racism in any form and also maintain that ideologies including Critical Race Theory and intersectionality are incompatible with the message of the Gospel. While we will continue to speak and teach with clear conviction against racism in any form, we understand that the sure and certain cure to any evil of this age is the gospel of Jesus Christ. In an effort to uphold our core value of unity, we will not teach divisions based on socio-economic, race, and gender differences in order to subdivide people into interest groups who are organized around grievances or differences of belief. We will teach students to acknowledge and value the worth and dignity of every human as someone created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27, Gal 3:28, Rom 2:11, Prov 22:2, James 3:17).
- **The Value of Male and Female** - We believe God created humans in His image, intentionally and immutably male and female from birth, each bringing unique and complementary qualities to sexuality and relationships. Sexuality is a glorious gift from God to be offered back to Him either in marriage for procreation, union, and mutual delight or in celibacy for undivided devotion to Christ. Christians are called to proclaim the truth and beauty of God's design and the redemption of sexual brokenness in our lives and culture through Jesus Christ. We believe that God immutably creates each person to reflect His image as male or female (Romans 12:1-2).

3. Goals

- To stimulate the cognitive, social, physical and emotional development of each child
- To promote in each child a positive self-concept, an acceptance of others and a sense of security
- To help each child learn to express themselves in many ways and be curious, imaginative and creative
- To help each learn to be responsible, want to learn and enjoy play
- To provide children with a basic introduction to the Bible

- To help children develop relationships and methods of communication based on respect, as well as, leading by example in a Christian environment
- To give parents opportunities to play an active role in their child's daily activities through active communication and volunteering
- To provide opportunities for staff to broaden their knowledge and experience of child development, helping them reach future goals
- To equip children with a concept of leading a Godly life, resulting in the ability to naturally demonstrate fruit of the spirit in daily interactions with others
- To encourage Biblical family structure and discipline
- Teach young people to worship a living God.

4. Non-discriminatory Policy

Camp 5:5 admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, or any other school- administered programs.

5. Admissions

Camp 5:5 is open to children who are rising Kindergarteners up to rising Eighth graders. The following forms are required for all non-ECA registered campers: Parents must complete a registration form, the parent agreement and the Medication Administration Acknowledgement form, Health Form (to be signed by a doctor), up-to-date Vaccination Record, Verification of Age (birth certificate, hospital record, etc.). For all ECA registered campers: Parents must complete a registration form, the parent agreement and the Medication Administration Acknowledgement form.

6. Hours of Operation

Camp 5:5 will open at 8 a.m. and will close at 6:00 p.m.

7. Drop off/Pick Up

- Drop off occurs from 8:00am - 9:00am. Children will be dropped off outside side entrance at Door 7 where a staff member will greet them.
- Pick up hours occur from 3:30pm - 3:45pm. After 3:45pm they will be in aftercare and charged the stated daily rate.
- When dropping off or picking up during camp hours all parents and students must enter the building through the main entrance facing the street.
- For returning ECA student(s) parents may use the orange laminated document to pick up. For non-ECA students a laminated name card will be provided

8. Late Pick Up

Please be mindful of when your child's camp day ends. If you think you may be late picking up your child, please email the school at summerprograms@eukaryaacademy.com or call the ECA office at 540-868-0081 anytime between 9am - 12pm with as much notice as possible. In the case of a first time occurrence of less than 10 minutes AND with notice before pick up, we will waive the late fee. For all other occurrences, parents will be charged a late fee of \$25. After 15 minutes, a fee of \$1 per minute will be added until the child is picked up. After 3 or more late pick ups, the child's enrollment will be discontinued.

9. Holiday Closing

Camp 5:5 will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

10. Brightwheel

Brightwheel will be our primary camp information source throughout the summer. It is a program for your phone, tablet, or desktop that we will use to check campers in and out, log activities for the day and communicate with parents. Upon registration, parents will receive an invitation to join Brightwheel through email. Once the account is set up, parents can find their check in code under "Settings". Parents may adjust their settings and how they receive information (text, email, push notifications). Parents are expected to keep the information on Brightwheel up to date. Staff will check campers in and out on Brightwheel each day. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers/staff through Brightwheel. Please be aware that our first priority is your camper, so the staff may wait until a break period to reply if the matter is not urgent.

11. Emergency Closings

In case of an emergency, parents will be notified through Brightwheel, our camper information service. In the case that the center would need to close early, all children must be picked up within 1 hour of the initial notification. In the event of an emergency that would require children to relocate or evacuate the building, parents will be notified once it is safe for parents to pick up. In the interest of safety for the children, staff and parents, we ask that you do not come to pick up your child until we have instructed you to do so. We will only release children to people listed as authorized pick up.

12. Tuition and Fees

Weekly payments are due by Wednesday of the week prior to your camper's attendance. Pool and park field trips are included in camp this summer, excluding trips that exceed \$10. If the fee is not received by Wednesday following the field trip, the child will be excluded from further activities off-campus.

13. Other Payment Policies

- Camp 5:5 will only register children for camp if their fee is paid for on the Wednesday prior to your camper's attendance.
- There will be a fee of \$25 for any check returned.
- If your camper is absent, you are responsible for the corresponding tuition and fees.

- Completing the selection form is confirmation of fees to be incurred.
- If parents wish to adjust the camps that the child will be attending, we must receive written notice no less than 14 days before the change is to occur. Failure to do so will result in responsibility for the charges.

14. Cancellation of Camps

Camp 5:5 reserves the right to cancel camps that have less than 5 participants. A decision will be made no less than 7 days before camp is to run. Fees will be refunded for canceled camps.

15. Parent Roles

We are here to give your child a fun, exciting summer experience! To help us achieve this, we ask that you ensure your child has the following for each day of camp:

- sunscreen (we will keep this on-site during the duration of Camp 5:5)
- lunch packed in an insulated lunch box with an ice pack
- a sport cup labeled with the child's name
- one full change of clothes (we plan to do outside water activities)

Please notify the ECA office or the camp staff through Brightwheel or by calling the ECA office if your child is ill or will be absent or email summerprograms@eukaryaacademy.com.

16. Appropriate Dress

Children should be dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. Clothing should be practical; only closed toed shoes should be worn to Camp 5:5. **Tennis shoes are ideal! For safety reasons, children may not wear flip flops**, the exception being pool days. For water play, children can wear sandals with a heel strap. We will be spending a lot of time outside! If children do not have the appropriate clothing (i.e.: swimsuit and towel on pool days), they may be excluded from activities.

17. Meals and Snacks

Lunch must be provided from home. Lunchboxes must be marked with the child's name. For food that needs to be kept cold, please provide an insulated lunchbox with an ice pack. We will provide a morning snack at morning camps and an afternoon snack at after care. Special snacks may be brought in by families to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions. In the case of special dietary needs or health concerns (including food allergies), all food, including daily snacks must be provided by the family.

18. Electronics

Camp 5:5 is a screen free zone! We are unable to monitor all children's activity on electronic devices therefore for the safety of the children, we will not allow electronic devices while in our care. The only exception will be movies (no more than 1 per week), for educational purposes. Please do not allow your child to bring cell phones, iPads, gaming systems, etc. We will not allow them to use them while in our care and they will be kept by staff until pick up. If you feel your child must have a cell phone while at camp, it must be checked in with ECA staff. We have secure cell phone lockers available.

19. Safety Procedures

At Camp 5:5, the safety of those attending our camps is top priority. The following guidelines have been set up to protect our families during periods of arrival and departure, please follow them closely.

- Children must be signed in and out daily with Camp 5:5 staff. No child shall be dropped off to enter the building during camp hours.
- If someone is to pick up a child that the staff does not know, we will require ID and check the authorized pick up list. Parents may add folks as authorized pick up by updating the office. ID will still be required. If someone out of the ordinary will be picking up, please let camp staff or the office know.
- Parents and staff are encouraged to watch for traffic and drive slowly in the parking areas and driveway of the center keeping a close watch for children moving around the building. Please follow all directional arrows when following traffic patterns during drop-off and pick-up.

20. Transportation Policy

All children under 8 must have a carseat regardless of their size. Because of this, Camp 5:5 is providing car seats for children under 8, or for children who are 8 or older but under 80 pounds.

21. Health Policy

For the health and safety of all of our children, we are very strict about our illness policies. If your child becomes ill while at the center, you will be notified and expected to pick up your child within 1 hour of notification. Expect your child to be sent home for the following symptoms:

- Fever exceeding 99.9F
- 2 or more loose stools
- Vomiting
- Discharge from eyes, nose, throat, or ears
- Excessive coughing
- Any contagious illness
- Unidentified skin irritations
- Any indication of head lice

Children must be symptom and fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medications) before returning to the camp or with a doctor's note indicating that the child may return to camp.

22. Medications

According to state regulations, medications are to be administered by a staff member trained and certified in Medication Administration. This includes all topical (excluding sunscreen) and ingested medications, both prescription and over the counter. If for some reason there is not a certified staff member available on the day (or at the time) that a medication is to be administered, a parent will need to come to the camp and administer medications themselves.

We ask that *whenever possible* medications be administered at home and that the camp be asked to administer meds only when absolutely necessary.

When it is necessary to administer medication during camp hours, please bring the medication to the ECA office or with an ECA staff member so that we can ensure the forms are completed properly. All medication must be in the original packaging, with directions, and within the expiration date.

23. Sunscreen

All children will be required to wear sunscreen while outside for more than 15 minutes between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Parents must provide a LABELED bottle of sunscreen to be kept at camp.

24. Media Policy

We like to take pictures of the children throughout the day. We enjoy sharing these pictures and videos on our social media. We also use these photos for advertisement, posting in the classroom for decoration, crafts projects, and special events. Our staff will never post your child's picture on their personal social media accounts. We will also never post your child's name with their picture with the exception of in the classroom or for art projects. If you would prefer that we not take pictures of your child, please indicate that using the Parental Agreement.

Daily Schedule

8:00am - 9:00am: Drop Off at ECA Campus

9:00am - 12:00am: Morning Camps / Field Trips

12:00am -12:30pm: Lunch

12:30pm - 3:30pm: Afternoon Camps / Field Trips

3:30pm - 3:45pm: Pick Up

3:45pm - 6:00pm: After Care



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I have read and understood all of the policies, rules, and procedures as set forth in the Camp 5:5 Handbook and agree to adhere to all policies to the best of my ability.

Student(s) Name(s) / Grade(s): _____

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

PUBLICATION/PHOTO RELEASE:

Camp 5:5 may solicit various media outlets for coverage of school events and students, such as the ECA website, a newsletter, school videos, and other school publications and presentations.

- I GIVE MY APPROVAL for using my child's image for publications, etc. over which ECA has control.
- I DO NOT GIVE APPROVAL for using my child's image for publications, etc. over which ECA has control.

Parent/Guardian Initial: _____ Date: _____